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APPLICATION OF )  
 FRÉDÉRIC GUÉRIN ET AL ) GROUP NO.: 1714  
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 FILED: OCTOBER 14, 2003 )  
 TITLE: HYDROGENATED NITRILE RUBBER )  
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 PROCESSABILITY )

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sirs:

In response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2006 from the Examiner in charge of the subject application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted for consideration. A separate Petition for Extension of Time is being filed simultaneously herewith.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

**Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Claims** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks and Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Appendix: Terminal Disclaimer**

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